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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Keiji Furukawa

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For: AUTOMOBILE SEAT BELT STRUCTURE
AND ASSIST APPARATUS THEREOF

Examiner: M. Nelson

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

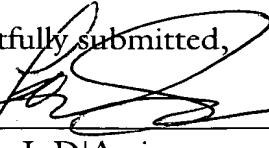
In response to the election requirement mailed on July 30, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the species covered by Embodiment II as shown in Figures 7 and 8. At least claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 15 are readable on the elected Embodiment.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim (claims 4 and 5) as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

An action on the merits of the elected claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof
are respectfully requested.

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